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CRIME ANALYSIS

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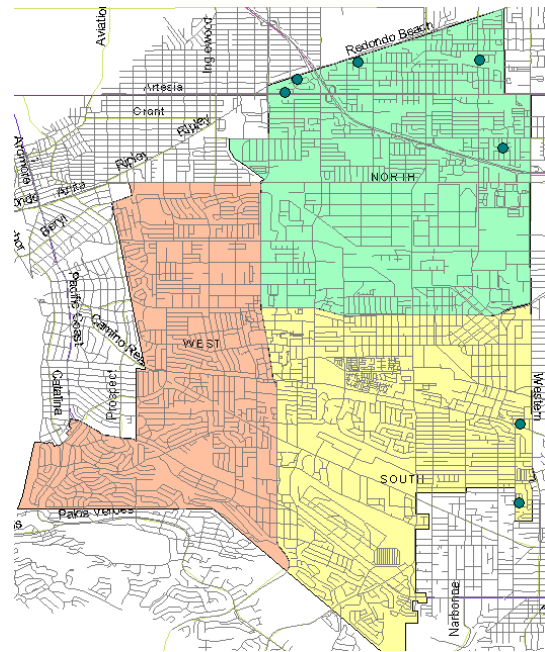
FUMIGATION BURGLARIES

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DETAILS: Beginning in mid-2011 Torrance and surrounding cities began experiencing a large number (eight – 10 per year in Torrance alone) of residential burglaries wherein suspects are targeting single family residences and apartment buildings that are tented for fumigation. Previously in Torrance (between 2007 and 2010), the average was two per year.

The suspects are aware of the fact that once fans are placed in the homes to force out air (federal law), not only are the homes accessible due to open doors and windows, but it is safe to make entry due to the chemicals being removed. During late night-early morning hours, the suspects cut holes in the tents for access to the residences' windows that have been left open for ventilation and take valuables left inside by the homeowners.

There have been numerous suspects arrested by multiple law enforcement agencies, but the trend continues. The list below and map at right represent the seven such burglaries that have occurred in Torrance since October 2011. Note, after a six-month break, the burglaries resumed in September of this year.



LOCATION	DATE REPORTED	LOSS
4100 Blk 172nd St	10/08/2012	No loss, victim did not leave valuables in residence
2000 Blk 184th St	09/13/2012	Safe was drilled, but entry was not made
3700 Blk 168th St	03/09/2012	Safe, cash, jewelry
4200 Blk Artesia Bl	02/20/2012	Jewelry, cash, handbag, tools, computers, TV, camera
2100 Blk 166th Pl	01/23/2012	Safe, Jewelry, cash
2800 Blk Knode St	12/11/2011	Jewelry, shoes, handbags
24200 Blk Falena Ave	10/27/2011	Jewelry

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